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To all who are weary and need rest ...  
To all who mourn and long for comfort ...  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares ...  
To all who struggle and desire strength ...  
To all who sin and need a Savior ...  
We do, too.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our great Hope and Joy, the reason we gather to celebrate and worship. Southwood opens wide our doors, our hearts, and our lives as our God has done for us.

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**September 22, 2024**  
**8:45 AM** Prayer Gathering  
**9:30 AM** Worship Service  
**11:00 AM** Connect Hour

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# Worship Service

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We contemplate who God is and who we are as we gather to worship.

## MEDITATION

“The Christian who does not anticipate opposition is the Christian who doesn’t yet understand the nature of the Christian life.”

Sinclair Ferguson

God welcomes us into his presence and reorients our hearts to Him and each other.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”

Isaiah 55:1-3

We express the worth of our God and the emotions of our hearts to Him.

## SONGS

“Come, Ye Sinners”  
“God So Loved”

We bring our needs and the needs of God’s people before Him.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## SONG

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

### Helping Lead Today’s Worship Service

- **Will Spink** Senior Pastor
- **Bill Harritt** Associate Pastor
- **Elisabeth Enchelmayer** Announcements
- **DJ Baptiste** Director, Music Ministry
- **Newt Johnson** Piano
- **Wesley Chambers** Violin
- **Nick Walker** Bass Guitar
- **Ron Poteat** Electric Guitar
- **Michael Athey** Drums
- **Lyndsay Abel** Vocals
- **Kim Watkins** Vocals
- **Jarrett Kaempfer** Audio
- **Leslie Ellis** Livestream
- **Padyn Pearson** Slides

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We talk honestly with our Father about our weakness, idolatry, and need for Him.

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Holy Father, forgive us for taking for ourselves what rightly belongs to our neighbor, for looking out only for our own interests, for harboring a greedy spirit instead of a generous spirit, and ultimately for failing to love our neighbors as ourselves. We so desperately need to be cleansed by your grace and led by your Spirit.

## **PRIVATE CONFESSION**

God reminds us of his grace and forgiveness as the foundation of our relationship.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

## **SONG**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

We celebrate how God’s grace flows through us in our relationships and community.

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERTORY SONG**

“Cornerstone”

*Parents may escort K-1st graders upstairs during offertory.*

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God speaks to us from the Bible explained and applied to our lives.

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

John 15:18-16:4  
"Be Prepared"

God invites us to taste and see his goodness in the bread and cup that represent the body and blood of Jesus for us.

## LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all those who trust in Jesus and are baptized members in good standing of any church that preaches the good news of Jesus to partake in the meal with us. Children not yet received as communing members or others not partaking today are encouraged to observe and/or ask an elder to pray with you after the service.  
*\* Gluten-free bread is available in center front and back.  
\* Grape juice is in clear cups in the outer ring of each tray, while wine is in purple cups in the inner rings.*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

God sends us on his mission with his blessing.

## BENEDICTION

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



### Following the Worship Service

Pastor Bill will greet and pray with people at the front of the sanctuary.

Join us for Connect Hour, relating with God and each other around his Word.

**Adults:** Gather in rooms on hallway across from the Nursery

**High-Life Connects:** Jr./Sr. High classes in the Lodge across the street

**Kids Connect:** Birth-5th grade classes in Nursery and upstairs

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## Sermon Notes

### **Grace Group Questions** *(for fuller discussion guide, visit [southwood.org](https://southwood.org))*

1. In what ways do Christians in our Huntsville culture face persecution? Is it different from the rest of the world? In what ways do other parts of the world face persecution?

2. Knowing that Jesus warns us that persecution is not an if but a when, how do the teachings of the Scriptures call us to respond to our enemies and persecutors? (James 1:2-18, Matthew 5:38-48, etc.)

3. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit encourage and help us when we face conflict over faith in Christ? What does John 15:26-27 tell us we will be empowered to do through the Holy Spirit?

4. Persecution, struggle, conflict and pain can be reasons that many people wrestle with their faith in Christ. Jesus says this whole section is to assure them of this certainty in the life we have in Christ. What things can we fix our eyes on that remind us of the great security we have in Christ?

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# Announcements

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## Worship Night - TONIGHT!

Join us for Worship Night tonight at 6pm. All ages are welcome to this casual and joyful time of praise. Invite friends!

## Welcome to Southwood Class

If you want to learn more about a relationship with God, the heart of Southwood, or church membership, join our welcome class today at 11am in Room B.

## Adult Connect Hour

Adult gatherings following the worship service: The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry (Room D, Bill Nash), Romans: God's Plan for Your Life (Room A, Kevin Ellis and Mark Wolfson), and Welcome to Southwood (Room B, Will Spink).

## Upcoming Marriage Conference

Our sister church, Valley PCA in Madison, is hosting a marriage conference on November 15-17. This would be an excellent local opportunity to invest in your marriage at any stage. More info & registration at [valley-madison.churchcenter.com](http://valley-madison.churchcenter.com).

## HPRC 5K Run - Registration Open

Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center, a Southwood mission partner, will host its annual 5K run on Saturday, October 5. This run is a fundraiser for the HPRC. To sign up, go to [huntsvilleprc.org/tinytoes5k](http://huntsvilleprc.org/tinytoes5k).

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## This Week @ Southwood Sunday, September 22

8:45am – Prayer Gathering  
9:30am – Worship Service  
11:00am – Connect Hour (all ages)  
6:00pm – Worship Night  
7:00pm – Sr. High-Life

## Tuesday, September 24

5:00pm – Admin Commission Mtg

## Wednesday, September 25

6:00pm – Jr. High-Life  
6:30pm – Women's Grace Group

## Thursday, September 26

10:00am – Women's Grace Group

*Join us in pursuing God's mission together each week by becoming part of a smaller community through Grace Groups! To get connected, visit [southwood.org/grace-groups](http://southwood.org/grace-groups).*

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## Deacon/Finance Update

### Weekly Budget Need

\$49,152

### Last Week's Giving

\$61,885

### Year to Date Giving

\$1,554,048



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**Learn more, see full event calendars, and give electronically at [southwood.org](http://southwood.org).**

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# Prayer Guide

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## Core Commitments

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that the comfort of Holy Spirit's presence would encourage us to talk with God throughout the day about what's on our hearts.

Pray that our Grace Groups would be marked by prayer for one another even outside of formal meetings.

Ask that God's amazing power in creation would stir our hearts to bring our needs before Him regularly.

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## Specific Needs

Pray for Meredith Fournier as she awaits results of further testing following her recent hospitalization.

Pray for members of the Huntsville homeless community in the wake of the fire damaging part of a gathering this week.

Pray for Richard Pillsbury in his eye surgery Friday and ongoing recovery.

Praise God for the wedding of Southwood members Steven Duarte and Myra Browning this weekend and pray for their life together.

Pray for Al Eller as he receives further treatment for ongoing back issues.

Pray for Sunday's Worship Night to minister to our hearts always much in need of wonder, joy, and comfort in our God.

## Missions Partner Requests

**Great Plains Gathering - Billings, MT**  
*Great Plains Gathering (GPG) is a diverse community of people where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the source of hope and peace. While all are welcome to worship at this church plant, the primary focus is ministry to Native Americans in the area. Please support Great Plains Gathering by praying for these requests.*

Pray that the permit for our building project would come through and that construction could begin soon. Pray that the construction would be safe and done well.

Ask God for a successful launch of our Young Adult group later this month.

Pray for the Fink family who will be joining us as at GPG as soon as they can sell their current home and relocate to Montana.

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## Senior Member

**Nancy Unks**  
145 Sam Henley Ln.  
New Market, AL 35761

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## Expectant Mothers

**Sarah Riley** — Feb 2025

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**Email [prayer@southwood.org](mailto:prayer@southwood.org)  
to be included in this Prayer Guide.**

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### **Southwood's Mission**

Southwood exists to experience and express grace in relationships that impact eternity.

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### **Southwood's Core Commitments**

We are committed to being Christ-centered.

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

We are driven by relationships.

We strive to love the least, the lost, the littlest, the lonely, and the left-out.

We seek the restoration of all creation in Huntsville and beyond.

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